

GIRL THROWN FROM AUTO, DIES

First Traffic Death of Year

One person was killed and three injured Friday night when a car failed to negotiate a turn on 190th St. just east of Hawthorne Blvd.

Dead is Manola Thomas, 20, of 18903 Hawthorne Blvd., a passenger in a car driven by Thomas Roger Kenneth, 27, of 2709 Mathews, Redondo Beach.

Kenneth and two other passengers, Elanore Phy, 21, of 18903 Hawthorne, and William Bade, 34, of 407 S. Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach, received minor injuries. Wade received a possible concussion.

INVESTIGATING officers reported that the auto was traveling west on 190th St. just before 8 p.m. Friday when it spun out of control, hit a power pole support wire, and spun into a field at the curve.

Bade and the Thomas girl were thrown from the rear seat of the car where they were riding, the girl dying of head injuries in the crash.

Night School To Resume Here Monday

Adult Education classes will resume Monday after a two-week holiday according to Victor U. Kilburn, principal of Adult Education, Torrance Evening High School.

All classes are open for new students. Persons interested in registering for the Spring semester to obtain a high school diploma must report to the Adult Education Office, located at Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St., before Feb. 2. Counseling services are available Monday through Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Classes offered include algebra, cake decorating, citizenship, dressmaking, English for foreign-born, English review, machine shop, psychology, shorthand, typing, drawing and painting, woodshop, millinery, lampshade making and others.

A schedule of courses for the Spring semester will be available after Jan. 15 at the Adult Education Office.

Survey Cards Mailed to Car Owners

A highway survey data card which will be received in the mail this week by local motorists together with their annual vehicle registration renewal statements will be used by highway officials to help plan improvement of roadways in the tri-county Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura County area, it was announced today by Department of Motor Vehicle officials.

With over a third of the state's total vehicle registration massed in the tri-county region, whose traffic load is reputedly the heaviest of any extended metropolitan area in the world, Los Angeles traffic officials sought DMV assistance in gathering data needed for studies underway as to routes most frequently traveled in the three counties.

Motorists are asked to present the completed cards with their 1959 registration applications at DMV offices or temporary renewal stations. Persons who mail renewal fees to Sacramento may enclose the highway survey data card with their applications.

Blast Victim Still Critical

A Lomita teenager who was injured in an explosion of unstable chemicals in his home Wednesday afternoon was still listed as critical by hospital attendants yesterday.

Bill Long, 16, of 25701 Narbonne Ave., lost most of his left hand in the explosion, while a companion, Dave

Schuhmann, 17, who lives in a trailer court at 2350 W. 250th St., received more than 65 wounds in the blast.

The Schuhmann lad told Sheriff's deputies later that Long was holding a small jar in his left hand, stirring the mixture of gunpowder, potassium nitrate, phosphorous, glycerine, and shotgun pellets when it exploded.

A kitchen table on which the pair were working was smashed, and the room was badly

damaged. Although the house was filled with clouds of smoke, there was no fire.

Investigating officers found several empty rifle and shotgun casings in the room where Long and Schuhmann were working.

Small explosive charges had been set off previously by Long in his back yard, the deputies said they were told by Schuhmann.

Mrs. Robert Long, mother of the injured boy, returned to the home after the explosion, and was informed of the explosion by officers. She became hysterical, officers said.



BEST IN CLASS . . . Torrance's 40-foot long float, "Adventures in Aviation," was judged best of entries in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses from California cities having a population between 100,000 and 200,000. The float is now on display at El Prado and Cravens in downtown Torrance.

Torrance Float Wins its Class

Torrance's Tournament of Roses float, "An Adventure in Aviation," carried away first prize in Class A-6, for California cities between 100,000 to 200,000 population Thursday.

The multi-colored floral piece, which showed Lindberg's Spirit of St. Louis flying from a white pom-pom covered Statue of Liberty to a leaf covered Eiffel Tower, was one of 63 floats in the 70th annual Tournament of Roses Parade witnessed in Pasadena Thursday by 1 1/2 million people and

Overpass to Cost \$22,000

The city's share of the South High School overpass over Pacific Coast Hwy. will be \$22,000. City Engineer Ronald Bishop reported this week. The city agreed last year to share costs of the pedestrian overpass with the State and school districts.

City costs in the installation of a signal at 174th St. and Arlington Ave. will be \$13,600, making a total of \$35,600 for the two projects, Bishop said.

He will recommend to the council Tuesday that gas tax funds be used for these projects.

20-Year-Old Held After Knife Attack

A 20-year-old Torrance man accused of trying to murder his uncle with a butcher knife will appear in South Bay Municipal Court for preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Richard N. Beaudoin, of 17029 Faysmith Ave., was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder and was sent to County Jail in lieu of \$5000 bail.

The North Torrance man is accused of knifing Alcide A. Blanchette, 44, of Manhattan Beach, during an argument in the uncle's home. Blanchette is recovering from his wounds although he was on the critical list for several days.

Rivierans To Hear of Tax Values

County Assessor John R. Quinn will speak to members of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. tomorrow night at the Riviera School, 365 Paseo de Arena, it was announced here yesterday by W. J. Hanson, president of the group.

Quinn will speak on the factors and policies of determining the assessed value of property, Hanson said.

Residents of the Riviera section of Torrance are being invited to attend the meeting beginning at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the session, Hanson said.

City to Put Meters On 2-Hour Limit

Conversion of the city's parking meters to two-hour time limits will begin soon as the order is made official and the parts can be obtained, officials said here yesterday.

At the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce and merchants in the downtown area of Torrance, the city council last week approved conversion of all but the 24-minute meters in front of banks, the post office, and other special establishments.

Students Portray Pilgrims In New 'Play-Learn' Project

Take a piece of an old phone pole, a few branches, a couple of stones, a vegetable box and basket, a broom handle, a discarded fox fur piece, an old musket, some antique pots and silver, and what do you have? Most people probably would think they had a pile of junk, but Miss Alice Stone's fifth grade class at Carl Steele recently "roughed it" to make themselves a roomful of furniture from this collection of odds and ends.

The youngsters built themselves a Pilgrim log cabin in a corner of their room as a part of their studies of early America. In furnishing the room, they proved very ingenious.

ALTHOUGH WALLS and a roof were butcher paper painted to resemble logs, the youngsters insisted on realism inside the room. They used only the tools their forefathers had to work with.

This meant that in building benches and tables from part of an old phone pole and some branches, they couldn't use nails. They doweled the sturdy tree branch legs onto the seats, which were halves of old poles. In sanding down their furniture, they used stones, because the Pilgrims had no sandpaper. They found and old vegetable basket, turned it over, inserted a broom handle, and made it into a butter churn. They made a cradle from a fruit box with halved poles for rockers.

FOR DECORATION they hung a "Trophy of the hunt" on the wall. Actually, it was a discarded fox fur piece. Hanging next to it was an old musket (minus firing pin, of course).

Old, tarnished silver could not be polished because it "wouldn't look old if it were." Wooden bowls, an old rag rug, ears of corn, and genuine lard

and lye soap added authenticity to the scene, as did a foot warmer built by the students.

When the cabin was completed, the students gave a play in it. They wore Pilgrim costumes that they (with aid from their mothers and Miss Stone) had made. The play demonstrated the results of their research into early Pilgrim lore.

"I was surprised at some of the good ideas they came up with in putting all this together," Miss Stone declared. "I think the class learned a great deal."



YOUNG PILGRIMS AT HOME . . . While the boys in Miss Alice Stone's fifth grade class at Steele School are putting the finishing touches on the cabin and furniture, the girls begin their household chores. The class built an (almost) authentic Pilgrim cabin during their study of early America. Furniture was built using only Pilgrim tools. Shown are Rollie Silts, David Rogers, Don Wales, JoEllen Walker, and Robin Allen.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"How do you think we compare with Russia in the space race?"

Tom McNeil, 3313 Sonoma, landscape gardening:

"I truthfully feel we are ahead. I don't think the Russians will catch up to us this year. Although I do not believe we will reach the moon in 1959, I feel that we will make great strides in this direction."

Tom Coleman, 3222 El Dorado, stock boy:

"It seems to me that we are at least up with them; and I feel that we are beginning to inch ahead. The recent missile we launched is proof of how far we have progressed. We have come a long way since last year this time."

Janice Montgomery, 1719 W. 235th St., typist:

"We are doing pretty well, lately, judging by what I have seen on the news telecasts of our rockets. I believe we have already caught up with the Russians and will lead the race this coming year."

Toni Gross, 816 Faysmith:

"I think we are behind and we could benefit by some of their ideas. Although we have superior physical facilities, I think they have surpassed us in the idea field. If we would start math and science on the grade school level, we could train more Americans to make better use of our natural resources."

Richard Battaglia, 2415 Cabrillo Ave., Sierra High student:

"I believe we are ahead of them in certain fields. However I do think we need more scientists and should train more scientists to help us get even further ahead. At the rate we are going, I think it's possible that we may reach the moon this year."

Maria Morton, 1219 W. 180th St., Gardena waitress:

"We are just about even. It took a while before the public was let in on just how far we had progressed; but it's hard to keep it a secret now that we've successfully launched a satellite. For a while there somebody was bluffing somebody."

(P.S.—Some of these persons might change their answers now in view of announcement Friday night of Russia's moon shot. — Ed.)

Ayers Moved To Pittsburg By US Steel

William T. Ayres of 3105 Via La Selva, Palos Verdes Estates has been appointed assistant to the general superintendent at U. S. Steel's Pittsburg Works, Columbia-Geneva Division, it was announced today by C. C. Morgan, general superintendent. Ayres will go to Pittsburg from the company's Torrance Works, where he has been superintendent of engineering and maintenance.

A graduate of Cornell University in 1940 with a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering, Ayres worked as an engineer in the East until 1944 when he entered military service as a naval officer.

He joined U. S. Steel in 1946 at Pittsburg, Pa., and later that same year was transferred to Columbia-Geneva's engineering office in Oakland. He was sent to Pittsburg works in 1950 as a senior project development engineer and the following year came to Torrance works as general supervisor of project engineering. He held various engineering positions here before becoming superintendent of engineering and maintenance in 1956.



MAIL OUT . . . Pictured above are 3000 March of Dimes contribution envelopes that were processed by members of the Torrance Junior Women's Club and went in the mail Friday. From left: Mrs. J. G. Louvier, club president; Postmaster Clara Conner, general chairman; and Mrs. B. F. Townsend, club philanthropy director, adding the final cards. (Herald Photo)